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SUMMARY: MOST DANES TAKE DIM VIEW OF EC SUMMIT, WHICHCONVENES THIS WEEK IN COPENHAGEN, IN WAKE OF GENERAL ELECTION WHICH ACCURATELY REFLECTD FISSIONS WITHIN SOCIETY BUT DID NOTHING TO RESTORE CONFI DENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES. FOR MOST OBSERVERS, VIEW OF SUMMIT IS LIKELY TOBE BLURRED BY CAST OF THOUSANDS EXPECTED
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END SUMMARY.

VARIETY OF EMBASSY CONTACTS IN MFA, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, AND MEDIA REFLECT LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR FORTHCOMING EC SUMMIT. SENIOR AS WELL AS LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE OCCUPIED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ANDPROTOCOL PROBLEMS ATTENDING THIS UNUSUAL GATHERING, WHILE POLITI CAL LEADERS ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH COMPLEX MANEUVERINGS AROUND CREATION OF POSSIBLE NEW GOVT. ONE INDICATION OF IMPACT LAST WEEK'S ELECTION HAD ON TOP LEVEL LEADERSHIP HERE IS FACT THAT NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SEATS CHANGED HANDS AND SIX MINISTERS FAILED TO WIN RE-ELECTION. THE LATTER CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THEIR FUNCT- IONS, ON CARETAKER BASIS, AS DOES PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN, BUT PREVAILING FEELING HERE IS OF BASIC LACK OF DIRECTION. SOME SOURCES FIND ELEMENT OF HUMOR IN NOTION THAT JORGENSEN WILL, IN ROLE OF HOST, BE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK FOR EUROPE AT CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHEREAS IN REALITY HE CANNOT EVEN SPEAK FOR DENMARK.

2. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS, PROBABLY AS RESULT OF OFFICIAL ENCOURAGEMENT, HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO DANGER OF RAISING EXPECTATIONS TOOHIGH ABOUT POSSIBLE RESULTS OF SUMMIT. THEY POINT TO MAJOR CRISIS DEVELOPING OVER OIL SHORTAGES WHICH STEM FROM MIDDLE EAST CON- FLICT AND EUROPE'S LACK OF INFLUENCE ON SITUATION DIRECTLYAFFECTING ITS OWN DESTINY. A MEASURE OF RESENTMENT IS DISCERNIBLE OVER DOMINANT ROLE EXERCISED BY UK, FRG AND FRANCE, WITHSENSITIVITIES PARTICULARLY HIGH ON ISSUE OF AN POSSIBLE EUROPEAN ARMY. SOME OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES DENMARK WOULD FACE IN DEFENSE AREA IF IT SHOULD JOIN WEU, AS FRENCH SEEM TO WISH. IMPACT ON DECLARATION ON EUROPEANIDENTITY SEEMS ALREADY DISCOUNTED IN ADVANCE, AND ONE PROMINENT JOURNALIST NOTED IT WAS ONLY ONE OF THREE DOCUMENTS INSPIRED BY SEDRETARY KISSINGER'S APRIL INITIATIVE. MOST OF PRESS COVERAGE PLAYS UP CLOSE LINKAGE BETWEEN NATO MINISTERIAL AND EC SUMMIT, WITH ONE AUTHORITATIVE

SPOKESMANNOTING THAT "IT WOULD BE BOTH STUPID AND DISHONEST TO DENY THAT EUROPE AND THE USA HAVE RECENTLY BECOME DANGEROUSLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER".

3. SHEER NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT AT BELLA CENTER SITE DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMIT SEEMS CERTAIN TODESTROY INTIMATE ATMOSPHERE POMPIDOU HAS BEEN SO INSISTENT UPON.
CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS ARE STILL HOPING TO PRESERVE "FIRESIDE CHAT" ATMOSPHERE WHEN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVT CONFER TOGETHER, AS THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY ESSENTIAL INTERPRETERS. FRENCH, MOREOVER, HAVE INSISTED THAT INTERPRETERS BE JUST THAT AND NOT EXPERTS

IN DISGUISE. OVER 800 JOURNALISTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE

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ON SCENE, HOWEVER,TOGETHER WITH SCORES OF OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTERS. IN ADDITION, DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) IS ORGANIZING ANTI-EC DEMONSTRATION IN CENTRAL COPENHAGENON FINAL DAY OF SUMMIT. ALTHOUGH DKP ESTIMATE OF 75,000 PARTICIPANTS IS PROBABLY OFF BY FACTOR OF 10, A GOOD CROWD IS LIKELY TO TURN OUT AND SOME DEMONSTRATORS MAY MAKE THEIR WAY OUT TO THE CONFERENCE SITE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GENERAL DISENCHANTMENT HERE WITH PROSPECTS FOR EC SUMMIT IS LARGELY BUT NOT ENTIRELY, RESULT OF SOUR TASTE LEFT BY DENMARK'S INTERNAL POLITICAL TURMOIL. RECENT INDICATIONS OF DIRECTIONLESS DRIFT IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAVE ADDED TO LOCAL UNCERTAINITIES, HOWEVER, AND WE BELIEVE THAT DANES WILL WRITE SUMMIT OFF AS FAILURE IF IT FAILS TO TAKE DEMONSTRABLY EFFECTIVE ACTION ON INCREASINGLY SERIOUS ENERGY CRISIS.
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